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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0239
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY CAIRO

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 12579

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)
SUBJECT: ATHERTON VISIT TO LONDON AND MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 098243

1. EMBASSY WILL MEET AMBASSADOR ATHERTON AND PARTY AND ASSIST HIM IN MAKING CONNECTION BETWEEN 9:30 A.M. ARRIVAL CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT FROM LONDON VIA AF 807 AND DEPARTURE FOR CAIRO 10:45 A.M. VIA TWA 800.

2. AS COURTESY WE WILL BE INFORMING FOREIGN MINISTRY OF AMBASSADOR ATHERTON'S TRANSIT THROUGH CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT, AND EXPLAIN THAT TIME IS TOO TIGHT TO PERMIT CONSULTATIONS AT THIS TIME. PER SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS, WE HAD INFORMED ACTING QUAI MIDDLE EAST DIRECTOR SERVANT APRIL 17 OF IMMINENT ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING AMBASSADOR ATHERTON VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST VIA LONDON. SERVANT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION AND ASSURED US THAT GOF WELCOMES SUCH USG INITIATIVES.

3. HOPE THAT AMBASSADOR ATHERTON, OR MEMBER OF HIS
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PARTY, WILL FIND OPPORTUNITY TO STOP OFF IN PARIS, WHILE EN ROUTE HOME, LONG ENOUGH FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONTACTS WITH GOF. NOT ONLY IS PARIS FOLLOWING WITH GREAT INTEREST ALL MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS, BUT FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN UNIFIL WOULD SEEM TO MAKE IT PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE FOR AMBASSADOR ATHERTON VISIT.
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